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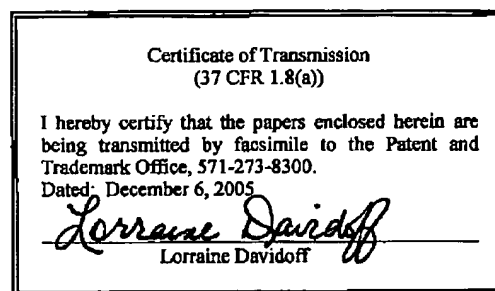
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following arguments and amendments in the above-referenced application, and request entry thereof to place the application in condition for Allowability:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures are attached following page 8 of this paper.